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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RICHARD'S NEXT MOVES

1. TONY DUFF CALLED EMBASSY OFFICER THE EVENING OF JANUARY 12 TO DESCRIBE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE RICHARD MISSION WHICH WILL BE PUT TO CROSLAND THURSDAY, JANUARY 13. THE PROPOSALS HAVE, FOR THE MOST PART, BEEN AGREED WITH IVOR RICHARD.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS RECOMMENDING THAT RICHARD GO TO MAPUTO JANUARY 15 AND SEE MUGABE AND NKOMO THE FOLLOWING MORNING. HE WILL GIVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS A PAPER WHICH, DUFF SAID, IS A DISTILLATION OF THOUGHTS IN ANNEX C AS WELL AS A GENERAL VERSION OF DOCUMENT X. DUFF EXPLAINED THAT THE PAPER WILL BE LABELED FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT FOR NEGOTIATION, AND RICHARD WILL EMPHASIZE THIS POINT IN HIS ORAL PRESENTATION. THE BRITISH WILL "SUGGEST" THE BROAD TERMS OF THE FORMULA.

3. RICHARD WILL THEN GO ON TO SEE MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE,
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BUT THE TIMING OF THESE VISITS WILL DEPEND ON THE LOCATION OF THOSE LEADERS. RICHARD WILL NEXT SEE VORSTER AND SMITH. ALL WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE PAPER, BUT AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE, THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN A COPY.

4. DUFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT RICHARD SEE SMITH BEFORE

SEEING VORSTER FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, VORSTER WILL HAVE LITTLE TO SAY TO RICHARD UNLESS HE ALREADY HAS SMITH'S REACTIONS TO THE BRITISH SUGGESTIONS. SECOND, GIVEN SMITH'S CURRENT DISPOSITION, IT WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY PROVOCATIVE TO HAVE HIM APPEAR THE LAST IN LINE.

5. DUFF WILL NOTIFY US ONCE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS ACTED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL GIVE US A COPY OF THE NEW PAPER AS SOON AS IT HAS CROSLAND'S APPROVAL.

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